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SUBJECT: LEAHY VETTING FOR TRAINING FUNDED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR AMISOM SIXTH BATTALION COMMANDER
-- MAY 4 - JUNE 12, 2009

REF: BUJUMBURA 187

¶1. (SBU) The Department of State has reviewed its files and finds that as of April 20, 2009, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the officer listed below:

Name: Epitace Masumbuko
Rank: Major
Position: Commander of 513th Battalion Infantry
DOB: January 1, 1974
POB: Burundi

¶2. (U) Post is permitted to provide the following statement to authorized parties:

The Embassy verifies that the Department of State possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the officer identified in paragraph 1 above, as of April 20, 2009.

¶3. (U) If in the future post becomes aware of possible human rights violations by the individual listed above, post should inform the Department and not proceed with training.

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